

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Group Art Unit: 1621

SAUCY et al.

Examiner:

Serial No.: 09/899,418

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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For:

"METHOD OF MAKING TEPRENONE"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

ON DECEMBER 17, 2001. SHERIÐAN ROSS P.C.

Dear Sir:

Applicant, through his attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of two (2) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on August 31, 2001, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from October 31, 2001, to December 31, 2001.

The extension fee is not enclosed. Instead, Applicant is filing a Petition to Waive Payment of Extension Fees, requesting that the extension fee be waived because the Notice to File Missing Parts was not received until Applicant requested a status update on November 27, 2001.

If Applicant's Petition to Waive Payment of Extension Fees is denied, please debit the extension fee from Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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